

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Heather Hollenbeck, I am 23 years old. My father Ed Hollenbeck has been a quadriplegic for the past three and a half years after a terrible auto accident. Growing up I learned a lot from my father. He taught me how to fish, how to raise animals for the fair and a lot of other valuable life lessons. My dad did many things from farming crops, working a full time job that he loved to provide for his family, fish, hunt, and many other enjoyable daily activities. To this day I can still picture my dad driving a tractor and walking the fields to see how the crops are coming in. Sadly its only a picture in my head that I see this through. I thought the accident would change how he would live the rest of his life, but it didn't. To this day my dad still fishes, hunts, mows the lawn, travels on vacations, snowmobiles, and enjoys life to the fullest. My dad doesn't see the accident as a depressing accident that happened to him, he sees it as that's the way god planned his life for a certain reason and he adapted to it and doesn't let it get him down. To see my dad accomplish all the same things he used to do is truly an amazing site. When I seen him shoot his gun for the first time and see the joy and excitement it brought to him almost brought tears to my eyes.

I went through a short period of time when I wasn't around my family that much and now that I am around them on a daily basis because my dad is at home with my mom taking care of him I can not picture him anywhere else. He is at home on his farm doing what he loves and enjoying life the way he wants to.

The new bill they are trying to pass, HP-4936, will potentially cut the hours of many home care workers and may even put many people out of a job. My mom takes care of my dad 24-7 and he needs that assistance and support from her on a daily basis. Her supplies could be diminished also if this bill passes. In turn that means my dad would not being getting the correct care he needs due to lack of supplies. If worse came to worse my dad could potentially be put in a skilled nursing facility because of these cuts. My dad does not belong in a place like that. He is still young and full of life.

I am a certified nurse assistant and have worked in a nursing facility with the elderly for 4 years. Having that background I know how things are in certain facilities. I also know that some of the workers in places like that do not have good intentions while providing care for residents living there long term and short term. I also know how under staff they can get. State requirements for the ratio of workers to residents is heavy work load. When I worked there I had anywhere from 12-16 residents that I had to take care of and it was heart breaking knowing I only had a certain amount of time I could sit there and take care of them or even just chat with them. Majority of the residents didn't have family that would come to see them. To sit there and chat with them brightens there day and makes them smile, but having so many residents you didn't always have a chance to do that. Also due to the short amount of time the proper care often involves short cuts and sometimes things can be missed which can lead to serious medical issues. In some instances can even lead to death.

Many of the residents that I took care of in the facility became depressed and there health was in serious jeopardy because they lost the will to live. If my father were ever have to be put in a place like that he would have a hard time with it. It would absolutely break my heart if anything like that happened. Not only would depression be a factor but would he being getting the quality care he needs and is the facility really equipped to care for a

patient in my dad's situation? He would not be able to go outside and see how the crops are growing or go back to the woods to see if there are any new deer tracks or even watch the traffic go by.

Please do not pass bill HP-4936. It would hurt a lot of disabled people and also workers that are trying to provide for there families. Everyone has the right to enjoy life the way they wish, whether you are disabled or not. Cutting workers hours and depriving patients of supplies and the choice of what they would like to do is not the answer.

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